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Police Shooting Is Called Act Of Murder

By JALYNE STRONG
Post Editor

In a letter to Charlotte Prosecutor Peter Gilchrist, William Dean, president of the Charlotte Equal Rights Congress, called the shooting of Jake King by Charlotte Police officer Scott Pope an act of murder.

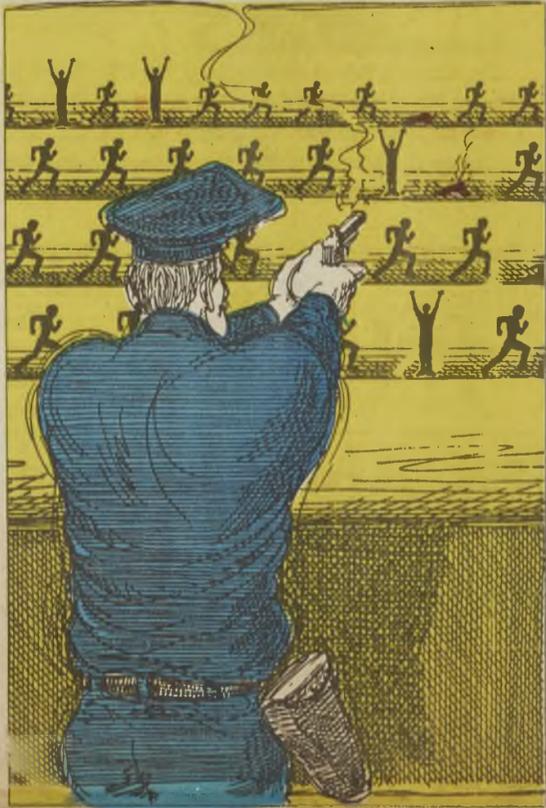
King, a black male resident of the Cherry community was shot twice Saturday, April 8 by Pope who was responding to call at King's home at 1509 Luther Street.

Witnesses have said that King was shot as he walked down the front steps of his home with his hands above his head. No weapon was found on King.

"This action by Officer Pope is emblematic of an officer with a hidden agenda upon his arrival to the scene," wrote Dean. "We (Charlotte ERC) see this needless death of Mr. King as an act of murder since (King) had his hands up and made no attempt to reach for any weapon, such as a gun."

The shooting of King has touched off a rash of concern among African-Americans in Charlotte. Mary Clarke, president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP branch, last week expressed the branch's desire to have the N.C. and the U.S. attorney general investigate the shooting of King and another black man, Louis Columbus Relford III, who was shot by Charlotte police officer Barry Goodson in January of this year.

Last Thursday, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee (CRC) held a press conference to announce its intentions of following closely the police investigation into the King shooting. "We have met with several Cherry residents this afternoon who have shared with us their concerns," said



CRC executive director Jack Bullard.

"We have also met with Assistant Chief Laney of the Charlotte Police Department to discuss the concerns of the Cherry residents and to discuss the process being used to investigate the incident," said Bullard, who called for everyone to "reserve judgement and exercise restraint until the official review is completed."

Bullard admitted that he did not know how long the process would take.

According to Bullard the CRC regularly participates in the Charlotte Police Department's process of reviewing allegations of misconduct made against police officers.

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The Appellate Court upheld discrimination in hiring charges against Anderson's Restaurant, located at 1617 Elizabeth Ave.

Anderson's Appeal Is Rejected

By HERB WHITE
Post Staff Writer

The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals recently agreed that Anderson's Restaurant of Charlotte discriminated against African-Americans in its hiring practices, but both sides are claiming victory.

Judge William Wilkins, writing the Court of Appeal's decision in Richmond March 24, upheld District Court Judge Robert Potter's 1987 ruling that Anderson's refused to hire blacks as cashiers or waitresses while filling the positions of bus helpers and cooks predominantly with blacks.

As a result, the restaurant will have to "institute and carry out policies, practices and programs which provide equal opportunities for black applicants for employment as waitress or cashier" as ordered by Potter.

The suit was referred back to District Court, where Potter will decide if two of the 16 plaintiffs are entitled to compensation. Anderson's won't have to com-

pensate the other 14 plaintiffs because the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) couldn't prove they were entitled.

Phillip Van Hoy, Anderson's attorney, said that while a final decision is pending, the restaurant has won its case.

"We're sorry it's not completely over, but we consider it a victory," he said. "EEOC couldn't prove they were discriminated against. We won 14 cases and the other two we'll see about."

Ronald Arrington, EEOC's regional attorney, said that while the decision may not result in compensation, the government proved its contention.

"Both courts held that Anderson's had indeed discriminated against blacks," he said.

Statistical evidence EEOC presented before the court showed that Anderson's hired only one black waitress prior to the government's complaint in 1983, even though 22 positions were available from January 1982 to October 1983.

During that period no black cashiers were hired although there were seven openings and 10 of 48 applicants were African-Americans. Thirty-seven cooks and bus helpers, all black, were hired.

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Madans Hammers City Leaders, Pledges Change

By HERB WHITE
Post Staff Writer

Saying that Charlotte's leadership leaves much to be desired, Craig Madans announced Wednesday that he is a candidate for the Democratic mayoral nomination.

Madans, a 46-year-old textile executive, made his announcement at Democratic Party headquarters, where supporters and media gathered to hear Madans blast Mayor Sue Myrick and mayor pro tem Al Rouso, Madans' likely opponent. Madans is Rouso's ex-nephew-in-law.

The current city leadership, Madans said, is more interested in serving its own interests than fighting crime and traffic problems.

"I'm frustrated and angry about what's happening to this city after two years of ineffective leadership," he said. "New solutions and new approaches are desperately needed."

Rouso was the target of pointed criticism, with Madans alleging that he has done little despite being the top vote-getter in two city council races. As a self-proclaimed champion of the underdog, Rouso should have shown more sensitivity to his constituency.

"If he had fought our battles as well as he's fought his own, I wouldn't be running now," Madans said. "When somebody has that much authority from the voters, something should get done, but it doesn't."

Although he is a political unknown, Madans has been running unofficially since December, putting together a steering committee of community leaders. African-Americans on the



Photo/CALVIN FERGOUSON

Craig Madans is running for Mayor of Charlotte.

nine-member panel include state NAACP president Kelly Alexander, activist James Foxx and WestFest coordinators Sam Young and State Alexander.

Madans said that although voters have different interests, there is enough disaffection for the current leadership for a coalition.

"The hard-core reality is that there's no law that you have to have experience to run," he said. "One of my strongest assets is to bring people together."

Building roads in southeast Charlotte, the foundation of Myrick's campaign when she beat

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Shuttle Begins Service To Independence Boulevard

By HERB WHITE
Post Staff Writer

Charlotte commuters won't have to fight Independence Boulevard's traffic or inconvenience after a new shuttle service started Monday.

The shuttle, an 18-seat minibus, replaced the Charlotte Transit System's No. 2 bus between Independence and Tryon Street. Executive Transportation, Inc., a black-owned company that operates the \$18,749 shuttle, reached an agreement with the city last month to fund the service.

John Clifton, chief executive officer of Executive Transportation, said the service is intended to accommodate shoppers and workers who were stranded on Independence when the city discontinued regular bus stops due to construction.

"We're going to have trouble with Independence" because of the state's widening of the thoroughfare, he said. "A city bus can't go down Independence and turn around."

The smaller shuttle can, however, and Clifton expects more riders as word spreads. The response from riders and businesses along Independence has been good, he said.



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John Clifton (l) and his partner Gregory Camp are owners of Executive Transportation, Inc., the company that will operate an Independence Blvd. shuttle.

"People are riding the bus. We're having a big demand and it's definitely having a big effect on business."

Clifton declined to say how much it will cost Executive Transportation to operate the shuttle, but said it should be able to pay for itself.

"We wanted to work with the city," he said. "We'll make a profit,

a small profit."

Executive Transportation, founded four years ago, dealt almost exclusively with automobile transportation through three subsidiaries. But with the demand for service to and from Independence growing, the company saw another avenue for expansion.

"We've been real aggressive in this market," Clifton said. "What we're doing is concentrating on areas that need help."

Executive Transportation has moved riders around with shuttle services for local businesses, Clifton said. During the recent Ramesses exhibit in Charlotte, nearly 145,000 people rode Executive Transportation's shuttle over a four-month period.

"We're the only ones around here with that type of experience," he said.

Fare for the Independence shuttle is the same as Charlotte Transit's other routes, 70 cents each way. Passengers are picked up at four locations during the 13 scheduled round trips, Clifton said: The Square at Tryon and Coliseum Inn, Coliseum Shopping Center and Coliseum Apartments on Independence.

In addition to seating for 18, the shuttle also has four wheelchair lifts for the disabled. The lifts weren't required, but Clifton said the service should be extended to people who can't use conventional transportation.

"We also try to accommodate the handicapped. It's a nice addition," he said.

Southern Thrifts Have Few Blacks On Boards

The chief policy makers of the South's largest savings and loan associations form "an exclusive club limited almost entirely to white men," according to a report released by the nonprofit Institute for Southern Studies of Durham, North Carolina.

Of the 1,270 members who sit on the boards of the 10 largest S&Ls in each of the region's 13 states, all but 12 are white. Nine are black, and three are Hispanic. In Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, West Virginia, Ken-

tucky, and North Carolina, there are no minority members at all. Georgia, Alabama, Texas, South Carolina and Louisiana have one each.

Overall, whites hold 99,055 percent of the seats on the boards of the states' top S&Ls. White men hold 1,219 -- 96.98 percent -- of the 1,270 board positions. Women hold 42 seats, 3.3 percent of the total. In Tennessee and South Carolina, there are no women of any race on the policy-making boards.

On 89 of the region's 130 top boards, there are no women or minorities, just white males.

The analysis of these institutions' 1988-89 boards of directors was part of a larger report on the S&L crisis published this week in the institute's quarterly journal *Southern Exposure*. The Institute is a 198-year-old research and education organization that monitors social and economic trends in the region.

The report in *Southern Exposure*, entitled "Redlining Black

Faces," says that "race and sex -- not income or ability -- generally determine who makes policy decisions at S&Ls, who takes the good jobs, and who gets loans. The data also reveals that redlining -- the practice of denying loans to blacks and low-income communities -- continues unabated, and may have grown worse in recent years," as a result of federal deregulation and budget cutbacks.

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